



PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL



Child Death Investigation: Child Death Scene to Court

Course Purpose / Objectives

This 2 day course provides participants with a broad scope of knowledge regarding the mechanisms of death typically found with child deaths, as well as specific information and strategies for properly investigating the cases. The course also provides practical exercises for reconstructions of infant deaths and delves in-depth into cases for discussion. Overall, the course gives participants a new perspective on exactly what these cases require to reach final determinations of cause and manner of death.

The Causes: Participants will be provided with a proper understanding of the variety of mechanisms common to child deaths, and interpretation of wounds, injuries and pathological findings.

The Scenes: Participants will gain a better understanding of the details from the scenes that are critical in determining cause and manner. As many cases as time allows will be used to illustrate scene importance.

The Challenges: System issues will be addressed top to bottom, from the 911 call to court so that participants will gain a complete understanding of the importance of interdisciplinary investigations. The slightest mis-step can derail a case and take it from homicide to undetermined, and strategies to prevent these mistakes will be outlined.

Families: Participants will gain understanding of ways to deal with grieving families and how to obtain information during this emotional time. Participants will learn that not everyone is cut out for these kinds of cases, and that's okay.

Reconstructions: Participants will learn how to conduct a proper reconstruction for an infant death investigation. Participants should come prepared to participate in scenarios.

Instructor

With both her bachelor and master degrees in Child Development, Lisa Mayhew has worked as a child development specialist in North Carolina since 1992. She has provided direct therapy services to children, as well as providing consultation and training within North Carolina and across the US in areas related to child development. She specializes in the 0-3 year population, children with special needs and interdisciplinary collaboration. She has served as the Child Death Investigator/Trainer for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner since 2000 conducting investigations of child deaths

statewide, and providing assistance in investigations to local and state agencies. In addition, Lisa operates the Child Death Investigation Training Program in conjunction with the North Carolina Justice Academy to agencies statewide involved in the investigation of child fatalities. She provides training to local and state law enforcement agencies across the US, and is the author of Child Death Investigations: Interdisciplinary Techniques from Cradle to Court available through Carolina Academic Press. She served as a consultant in the development of the Infant/Child Death Investigation Kit with Tri Tech Forensics and is an instructor for their training institute.

Dates:

4/27/2015 through 4/28/2015

Location:

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